

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 312**

(Doc. No. 7138ahb09.docx)

TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
ANALYSTS:	Rodney P. Grizzle		
DATE:	February 9, 2009	SBD:	2009106

AUTHOR:	Senator Thomas	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-23-540
SUBJECT:	Sale of Plastic, Metal or Brass Knuckles		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 312 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 16-23-540 which prohibits the sale of plastic, metal or brass knuckles and provides penalties for such offenses. The Bill also expands the definition of the term "Weapon" to include plastic, metal or brass knuckles.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding. The addition of the new offenses may increase the number of cases in the criminal docket in both the Magistrate and in some cases the Circuit Courts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



Harry Bell
Assistant Director, Office of State Budget